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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Hugh R. Sharkey, et al.)

Serial No.: 08/714,987)

Filed: September 17, 1996)

Title: Method and Apparatus for Controlled)
Contraction of Soft Tissue)

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Examiner: D. Shay

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-29.

Please add the following new claims.

30. An apparatus for contracting collagen fibers in a selected site of a collagen containing tissue which is adjacent to a fluid medium, comprising:

an energy delivery device including a proximal portion and a coaxial distal portion with a blunt periphery guidable and positionable in contact with a surface of the selected site without penetrating the surface of the selected site and configured to provide a selected thermal distribution in the selected